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Yaumati .....dep.	6.51	...	9.25	10.38	12.09	1.27	4.43	5.37	7.20
Shatin .....dep.	7.03	...	9.38	10.50	12.21	1.39	4.55	5.50	7.32
Taipo .....dep.	7.17	...	9.52	11.03	12.34	1.52	5.08	6.03	7.45
Taipo Market ...dep.	7.22	...	9.57	11.08	12.38	1.56	5.12	6.07	7.49
Fanling .....dep.	7.33	...	10.08	11.19	12.48	2.06	5.23	6.17	7.59
Sheung Shui ...dep.	7.38	9.13	10.13	11.23	12.52	2.10	5.27	6.21	8.03
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Sheung Shui ...dep.	7.29	8.13	9.34	10.44	11.47	3.05	4.44	5.19	6.12
Fanling .....dep.	7.33	8.18	9.38	10.48	11.51	3.10	4.49	5.23	6.17
Taipo Market ...dep.	7.43	8.29	9.48	10.58	12.02	3.21	5.01	5.33	6.27
Taipo .....dep.	7.47	8.34	10.12	11.03	12.07	3.27	5.08	5.37	6.31
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THE CHINESE TRADE MARK LAW.

A SEMI-OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

The following has been contributed to the *Peking Daily News*, doubtless by someone in the Chinese Government service intimately connected with the working of the law:—

With reference to the letter of protest, dated March 7th, 1924, addressed jointly by all the foreign Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai to the Consular Body, it may be of interest to examine the salient features and to point out and correct some of the misinterpretations and misrepresentations therein contained with regard to the Chinese Trade Mark Law.

In the first place, objection was raised in the letter to the alleged inadequate and unfair procedure of adjudicating a dispute as provided by the Trade Mark Law. Nothing is farther from the real meaning of this provision of the law. The procedure for conducting a hearing concerning registration of a trade mark as specified in the Law is so formulated that if an applicant concerned is not satisfied with the decision, he may demand a rehearing of the matter so as to remedy any impropriety of the first hearing on the one hand, and to give due respect to the right of the applicant on the other. Within the legal or fixed limit of time, the applicant is free to express his opinion of the case, and the person or persons interested may apply to be present. If the applicant is still dissatisfied with the decision in the second hearing the way is open to him to appeal to the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce, and in the event of not securing satisfaction therefrom he may then bring an action before the Administrative Court in conformity with the rules of law. Thus a single case may undergo several hearings, and the person concerned may have ample opportunities to have their wrongs redressed. In view of this adequate protection for the right of the owner of a trade mark, by the owner a foreigner or Chinese, it is difficult to understand why the foreign merchants should have to invoke diplomatic assistance.

The second point in the letter which calls for explanation is the allegation that no provision is made for appeal to any court of justice and that the question whether a certain trade mark is to be registered or not is "to be decided not by judicial judges but by bureaucrats and that the machinery which China provides for trade mark protection is in this respect greatly inferior to the protection which trade mark owners enjoy in Europe, America and Japan." A perusal of the provisions of the Chinese Trade Mark Law must reveal the fact that the principles underlying it are based upon those of the so-called Anglo-Saxon and Continental systems. The provisions and regulations are quite precise and comprehensive. With regard to the question whether the final decision in a trade mark case should come from the administrative court or from the judicial court legal opinion even in the West is divided. Art. 12, Clause 3, of the British Trade Mark Law provides that if the applicant is dissatisfied with the decision of the Trade Mark Office, the option is open to him either to appeal to the Board of Trade or to the judicial court. Thus England has also adopted the system of adjudicating a trade mark case in an administrative Court.

According to the Commercial Treaties concluded between China and other nations, the Chinese Government undertakes to protect foreign trade marks in China. It is for the purpose of fulfilling this obligation that the Trade Mark Law was promulgated last year, in conformity with which foreign merchants are required to apply for registration and protection of their trade marks. The protection of a trade mark presupposes its application and use. It stands to reason that if it is applied and used in a country it must be registered in that country. Even in foreign countries where agreements have been made on this matter, mutual protection is accorded only to those trade marks which have been duly registered at the Trade Mark Offices of the countries party to the agreements. If the owner of a trade mark fails to make application for its registration, the bureau concerned would have no knowledge or record of his trade mark. It is tantamount to the abandoning of his own right to that protection. For this reason the Chinese Trade Mark Law provides a six-month limit (from the date of the promulgation of this new law) within which trade marks are to be registered so that the persons interested may find proper means to establish his right. In the Reply of the Chinese Government to the Note of the Diplomatic Corps relative to the enforcement of the Chinese Trade Mark Law mention was also made of China's undertaking to issue at regular periods of time trade mark records in English. It is now learned that in future these records are to be issued simultaneously with the *Trade Mark Gazette* in Chinese.

The objections raised in Sections (4), (5), (6) and (7) in the letter of protest as above referred to should be dispelled by the explanations thus far given. With regard to the provisions of Article 43 of the Chinese Trade Mark Law, there is not much discrepancy between the official translation of the British and American Legations and that made by the Chinese. Of course, the Chinese text should always be considered as final. According to this text of the law, it is evident that if a foreigner is a defendant or a plaintiff arising from the provisions of Article 39 to Article 42 inclusive, the case shall be dealt with in accordance with treaty stipulations. With regard to civil cases of damage they will be taken up in the usual way by the judicial court.

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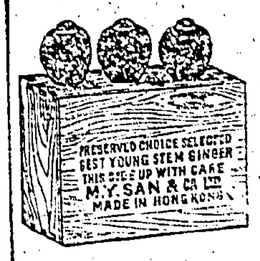

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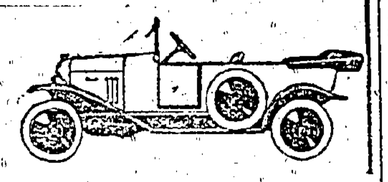

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts in their weekly share report dated April 17th, say: There is a slight improvement to report in the local market since the issue of our last circular, but the volume of business passing still remains restricted. Hongkong Tramways and Kowloon Wharves have provided the principal feature with a sharp advance in price, while Hongkong Lands have also come in for a good deal of enquiry, but rates on the whole have not shewn much fluctuation.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled steady and are in demand at $1,165 after sales at $1,170. The London quotation is £135 (middle).

Marine and Fire Insurances.—There are buyers of Cantons at $720, North Chinas at Tls. 140, and China Fires at $145, while Yangtszes at $28½ and Hongkong Fires at $530 both show an improvement. Unions are on offer at $244.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboats have been dealt in at $40. Douglas Steamships are wanted at $59. Union Waterboats at $16, while "Stag" Ferries could probably be placed at $87.

Refineries.—China Sugars were in good demand during the early part of the week, changing hands at $216/$217 but the market has since sagged and shares are offering at $214. Malabons can be had at $50.

Oils and Mining.—Ladgkats (Combined) have been done at Tls. 26. Kailans were negotiated at 65/- but according to latest telegraphic advices from London there are buyers now at 69/-. "Shell" Transports are firm at 91/6 and Benguets at P.2.10.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Tramways after being offered at $29½ came into strong demand and were placed to a fair extent up to $32, at which they close steady. China Lights (New) are enquired for at $8½, while the Old shares at $14½ have lapsed to nominal quotation. Hongkong Electrics are steady at $35.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—There has been a smart rise in Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and the price has advanced to $165. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are a shade better and have been taken at $148½. Hongkew Wharves at Tls. 190 and New Engineerings at Tls. 5.30 are unchanged from last week.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have further declined and the markets closes with sellers at $111. Realties have been put through at $2.50 and continue in request. Hongkong Hotels (New) have changed hands at $12½. The Old shares at $19 have not moved. Humphreys Estates are on offer at $23½. Prince's Buildings are saleable at $150.

Cotton Mills.—Ewo Mills could be placed locally at Tls. 11½. Orientals at Tls. 5 and Shanghai Cottons at Tls. 60 are nominal.

Miscellaneous.—Canton Ices have been sold at $8.25. Green Island Cements are offered at $24½ and $6½ for the Old and New shares respectively. China Providents (Old) were booked in the early part of the week at $17, but have since relapsed to $16, notwithstanding the dividend of $1 payable on the Old shares just announced. The New shares are obtainable at $6. Constructions have been sold at $7.60 and a few more are available at this rate. Lane, Crawfords are a shade lower and have been dealt in at $19. Transactions have been effected in Hongkong Developments at $1.25. Peak Tramways at $17½ and Sinceres at $15½, mark a further rise. There are buyers of Dairy Farms at $25, Taxis at $4.75, China Omnibuses at Tls. 10½ and Hongkong Ropes (Rights) at $3.50 premium. Watsons have fallen away to $21½.

Exchange.—The T.T. selling rate on London to-day is 2/4½ and on Shanghai 73½.

Forward Settlement Day.—29th April (Tuesday), 27th May (Tuesday) and 24th June (Tuesday), 1924.

CHINESE LOANS AND TARIFF INCREASE.

A London papers states that the following has been circulated:—

It is suggested in City circles that an effort should be made to press home the need for a settlement of the claims of the Vickers and Marconi bondholders now that the Chinese Government has applied to the Powers for a preliminary conference to discuss matters relating to the increase of 2½ per cent. in the Customs authorised by the Washington Treaty.

Events are, however, moving in a "vicious circle" in this respect. China was promised at Washington that after the ratification of the Treaty by the nine Powers concerned a Tariff Conference should be called in the Far East to work the details of this proposed increase. France has, however, refused to ratify the Treaty on the ground that China, reading international law in a light different from Western interpretation, declines to pay the balance of the Boxer indemnity in gold, disregarding depreciated currency.

The Conference, therefore, cannot be called, though it is well known that if the increase were granted China would be placed in such an advantageous position that she might very well at once take up the claims of the Vickers and Marconi shareholders. Hence it is of little use to press China until she is placed in a position to respond. Pressure should more fitly be applied to the French Government, which is adopting a policy of isolated action.

Anxious to do its best, the Chinese Government has now proposed that a preliminary conference should be held at which the agenda could be prepared and the way smoothed for the later meeting.

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COMPANY MEETING.

THE CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LTD.

The statutory meeting of the China Underwriters, Ltd., was held yesterday morning at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co.). Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were also present: Mr. C. P. Marcel, Mr. Mok Ching-kong, Mr. Tsang Foo (Consulting Committee), Mr. F. Dacres Smith (Acting Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. A. Keith, H. H. Tayler, I. W. Shewan, F. J. Tavarres, M. A. Figueiredo, Tong Hok-ting, A. L. Shields, J. A. Botelho, Tse Tsan Tai, Luk Hing-nam, J. Toppin, Chan Tsiu-chun, Fung Chik-man, and A. A. Cordeiro.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—This meeting is called in accordance with the provisions of the Companies' Ordinances, 1911, and I now lay on the table a report of the position of the Company on April 9th as required by that Ordinance, copies of which report have already been posted to you. That is all the formal business we have to do, but I may add a word about the prospects of this new venture. It can, however, hardly be called a venture as, in fact, it takes over a ready-made Insurance business from Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. and an alliance with their old friends, the Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd., and the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., Ltd., with whom we shall work in close touch.

Our Manager, Mr. Farrant, has just arrived in England but has not had time to do more than report his arrival and that he was sanguine as to prospects on that side. This Company will now be the Agents of two powerful Companies with agencies and branches all over the world, but there still remain other old friends of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. with whom we also expect to make close alliances (for reinsurance business, etc.). Our Life business has no such foundations, but I am glad to say we have secured the services of a very able Actuary for it and intend to push this Department vigorously as soon as this gentleman arrives from Home, probably early in June. I think, therefore, we have some good reason to look forward with confidence to the future of this Company. If any shareholders would like to put questions, I shall be very pleased to answer them.

There were no questions and the meeting terminated.

COMPANY REPORT

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After providing for depreciation, all liabilities, outgoings, and taking into account items transferred to Revenue Account, namely £60,000 from Investment Fluctuation Reserve and £185,000 from Contingency Account, there remains a Credit Balance of £16,056 2s. 9d., from which it is proposed to pay 6 per cent. (6/-) on the Cumulative Preferred Ordinary Shares absorbing £14,876 14s. 0d. allowing £1,179 8s. 9d. to be carried forward to next year.

Income Tax will be deducted from all Dividend Warrants issued in London but not on those issued locally which will be payable at exchange 2/4], being T.T. rate ruling on the 16th instant.

A COMING TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

Americans will be interested to learn that a total solar eclipse will be visible in New York on January 24th, next year. The eclipse begins at 8h. 3m. 42s.; totality begins at 9h. 14m. 38s. and ends at 9h. 15m. 13s. The eclipse ends at 10h. 33m. 23s.

At New Haven, which is nearer the central line, the eclipse begins at 8h. 5m. 15s.; totally begins at 9h. 15m. 57s. and ends at 9h. 17m. 58s. The eclipse ends at 0h. 35m. 45s. (local time).

It will be seen that at New York the observers will have only 35 seconds in which to take their photographs of the corona and prominences. At New Haven they will have 121 seconds.

The maximum duration of totality is 152 seconds. It occurs in latitude 40.24.N. and longitude 50.4.W.; in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean.

At the time of the eclipse Jupiter, Mercury and Venus are near together about 25deg. W. by S. from the sun. The bright star Altair is 30deg. N. by W. of the sun and the bright star Vega is 65deg. N. by W. of the sun. All except Mercury should be visible during totality.

THE CORONET THEATRE.

Extraordinary escapades, some laughable and others exciting, give little Wesley Barry plenty of scope for clever acting in "Heroes of the Street," the holiday attraction now showing at the Coronet Theatre. "Freckles," as he is known to his countless admirers all over the world, has in this fine Warner Brothers picture the part of a thirteen year old Irish youngster with a propensity for getting into mischief and a quick way with his fists. Mary and valiant are the fights he has during his care-free days as a street urchin, while strange and varried are the characters he meets. Throughout the entire picture Wesley Barry is always the engaging youngster cinema-goers love so well, and although the picture has its share of pathos, the humour remains its strongest point. Briefly "Heroes of the Street" is a typical Wesley Barry story and as such is admirably suited for the holiday season.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

Kick-off at 5 p.m.

East Surreys Regt. v. South China, Hongkong Club ground. Referee: Mr. Wakeham.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. *Titania*, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Perman.

Division II.

East Surreys Reserves v. Club de Recreio, Sookunpoo "A" ground, at 2.15 p.m. Referee: Mr. Smyth.

H.M.S. *Bluebell* v. St. Joseph's, Sookunpoo "B" ground, at 3 p.m. Referee: Mr. Bailey.

TABLE LEAGUE TO DATE.

Division I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
South China ...	19	16	0	3	35
East Surreys ...	20	13	3	4	30
Hongkong Club.	18	9	6	3	21
Titania	18	9	5	2	20
Ambrose	20	9	9	2	20
Kowloon	18	8	8	2	18
Tamar	22	8	13	2	18
Despatch	18	5	9	4	14
R.G.A.	19	5	10	4	14
Hongkong Police	18	4	11	3	11
Hawkins	10	4	4	2	10
Diomede	22	3	16	3	9

Division II.

Titania	18	16	1	1	33
East Surreys.....	18	13	2	3	29
Club de Recreio	18	14	3	1	29
St. Joseph's.....	17	10	6	1	21
Kowloon	17	9	5	3	21
Marazion	16	9	5	2	20
SouthChina"B"	16	8	5	3	19
R.G.A.	17	7	7	3	17
Hawkins	12	7	3	2	16
SouthChina"A"	16	6	6	4	16
Bluebell	11	7	3	1	15
Hollyhock	16	5	6	5	15
Iroquois	18	5	10	3	13
Sacred Heart....	17	5	10	2	12
Diomede	18	4	10	4	12
University	16	3	11	2	8
Hongkong Club.	17	2	12	3	7
Filipino Club ...	15	3	12	0	6
Tamar	18	2	15	1	5

BILLIARDS.

TO-MORROW'S SHIELD PRESENTATION.

The Victoria Recreation Club has arranged an excellent smoking concert to take place on the occasion of the presentation of the Colony's Championship Billiard Shield at the Club to-morrow night. Among the entertainers are Mr. Bert Burrows, who will give that amusing song, "Meet her at the Gate"; Mr. Jock Gillespie, a pianist and siffleur of good quality; Mr. V. F. Viegas and his violin; Mr. A. B. Allen in a humorous song; Mr. E. W. Burnett in a monologue, "Charge of the Light Brigade"; Mr. C. Earnshaw in another monologue, "Out of Sympathy"; Messrs. L. A. Osmund, A. J. Osmund and J. M. Forreca, the "Hawaiian Trio," in selections, and Messrs. J. Evan and H. Spoors in a physical culture display. Others on the programme are Messrs. C. Edgecombe, J. Thompson, E. Kidd, E. G. Aquiro, A. Lee and T. G. Patterson. The honorary secretary of the Club, Mr. R. C. Witchell, made efforts to secure, amongst others, the Rev. Arrowsmith, of St. Andrew's, who is a ventriloquist of no means ability, and Mr. Labrum, but with the talent he has already roped—in the "smoker" should be assured of success.

TENNIS.

RAIN INTERFERES AGAIN.

Yesterday's drizzle put a stop to what would have been a very interesting match which was to have been decided on the stand court. This was a match between Ng Sze Kwong and C. Choa who were to have played R. E. Worthington and F. A. Redmond. The match will probably be played next Thursday.

One match was played yesterday when L. Forster and G. Aubrey (—2/6) defeated L. G. Thomas and E. J. R. Mitchell (15), in the semi-final of the Handicap Doubles. The result was 8-6, 6-4.

CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. MR. HOLDMAN'S XI.

In this friendly match on Easter Monday at 1.30 a.m., the Kowloon C.C. XI. will be composed of R. E. Lindsell (capt.), A. O. Brawn, A. W. Ramsay, J. C. Fletcher, H. G. Wallington, T. M. Cochrane, R. Pontonji, C. Earnshaw, L. A. R. Duncan, H. Overy and A. R. F. Raven.

K.C.C. 2sd XI. v. R.A.M.C.

In this League match on the Kowloon ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. the home team will be composed of H. Overy (capt.), A. O. Brawn, W. L. Weaver, C. Earnshaw, L. A. R. Duncan, O. B. Raven, A. R. F. Raven, J. Fraser, E. Savage, A. W. Summers and C. J. Tacchi.

GOLF.

"HOLING IN ONE."

Respecting holing in one at golf, in a letter to the London *Evening News*, "B.D.C.M." (initials which will be easily recognised by golfers in Hongkong), relates that three years ago whilst playing on one of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's courses, at the third hold he played first and his ball stopped on the lip of the "tin." His partner's ball rolled into the "tin." The writer's ball had been stopped on the very edge by a worm cast, but it had just left enough room for the other to pass on the far side of it. But for the worm cast they might both have had "ones."

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CIVIL SERVANTS' TRIBUTE.

In the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, yesterday, at noon, Sir William Rees Davies, the retiring Chief Justice of Hongkong, was presented with a scroll, and other gifts, by the members of the Colonial Civil Service. All the departmental chiefs were present, and to Sir Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary, was delegated the task of addressing Sir William.

Sir CLAUD said: The members of the Civil Service of the Colony have assembled here to-day for the purpose of taking leave of you and Lady Rees-Davies, and it is with sincere regret that we do so. There are some present who have known you, Sir William, throughout your service here, and some who have only known you for a comparatively short time, but I can safely assure you that all of us have the greatest regard and respect for you. You are terminating here a long career in your country's service, which in some respects must be almost unique. To have been a practising barrister, to have served for some years in Parliament, to have been Attorney General in several Colonies, and finally to have been Chief Justice for the long period of twelve years, forms a record which falls to the lot of few men, and what we members of the Civil Service regard with such satisfaction is that throughout your career you have maintained the best traditions of the public service of the Empire. (Applause.) You will carry with you into your retirement the knowledge that in your hands the high standards of Justice and probity that mark the judicial bench and public service both at home and in the Colonies have been brilliantly upheld. Both you and Lady Rees-Davies have, during the past few days, received striking tributes from all classes of the community to the large place you hold in the hearts of those with whom you have been brought into contact, but none are more sensible of the loss they will suffer by your departure than your colleagues in the Service. Speaking for myself I have always received at your hands, Sir William, the most loyal and valuable help, especially during those periods when I have administered the Government, and I am deeply grateful to you. Before you leave this room those present will record their names on a document for you to keep, and in order that you may not forget us it is my intention to present to you among other books that volume in which all our birthdays are recorded. (Laughter.) The gracious hospitality that you and Lady Rees-Davies have dispensed, and the large part you have taken in sport generally and in the social life of the Colony makes it very hard for us to part with you, but many of us feel that it is only saying *au revoir*, and though the Colony will miss your presence we may hope to meet you again in the old country. (Applause.) We wish you and Lady Rees Davies and your son a pleasant voyage, and we trust that you, Sir William, will speedily be restored to health. (Prolonged applause.)

SIR WILLIAM'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Sir WILLIAM, in acknowledging the compliment, said that Sir Claud Severn's kind remarks and the way they had been supported had overwhelmed him and he did did know how to thank them. Sir Claud had not referred to an interesting domestic event that had taken place, and he (Sir William) thought it a good opportunity to turn the tables on him. Lady Severn had been blessed with a daughter and he could only hope that the little daughter would be as great a joy to the household as their dear little son. (Applause.)

Sir William proceeded to say that it had been his fate and happy fate, he supposed, to have made many speeches, and he was afraid it had been the unhappy lot of some of them to have listened to most of those speeches. (Here he looked at the Press.) He thought really that he had exhausted himself, that he had practically said everything he could about himself. He would indeed be a poor individual if he had not been overwhelmed by the many kindnesses, the generosity and affection that had been extended to him during his departing days in the Colony. He had received a great deal more praise than he had had a right to expect, and it was particularly pleasing to him that the last event in his career in the Colony was taking farewell of his colleagues in the Colonial Service.

"My old distinguished chief," continued Sir William, "whose name (Sir William Harcourt) has cropped up many times during the past few days said when he was retiring from the House of Commons, that there was nothing higher he prided in life than to stand well with the House of Commons." "During the 26 years that I have been in the Colonial Service," went on Sir William, "this has certainly been my object and one of my main objects—to stand well with the Colonial Service. If I can regard your kind farewell to-day and the assurance on your part that I stand well with the Colonial Service, I have no regrets." (Applause.)

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After referring to his career in Hongkong, as Attorney-General and Chief Justice, Sir William said, he regarded all of his colleagues in the Colonial Service as a band of brothers. There was an *esprit de corps* attached to it. They might call it what they pleased, but it was a kind of freemasonry, had a brotherhood feeling about about it which brought them together, and the many frequent farewells he had seen taking place in the room had shown the brotherly good feeling and the high respect in which the service was held. (Applause.)

The company then adjourned to the verandah, where Sir William was toasted to the strains of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Sir William made a brief reply. He would not, he said, deliver another speech, but he desired to express his thanks to all present on behalf of his wife, Lady Rees-Davies.

The scroll presented to Sir William bore the following inscription:

"We, the undersigned, being Heads of Departments and Senior Officials of the Civil Service of Hongkong, desire to convey to you and Lady Rees-Davies our sincere regret that the time for your retirement from the Service has arrived, to assure you of our deep regard and esteem and to express a hope that you will both enjoy many years of happiness."

PRESENTATION BY THE SUPREME COURT SUBORDINATE STAFF.

A presentation in the shape of a leather blotting-pad and a leather tray by the subordinate staff of the Supreme Court took place in the Chief Justice's Chambers yesterday afternoon as a token of esteem and an acknowledgment of the kindness which His Honour has shown to the staff during his tenure of office as Chief Justice. His Honour expressed great appreciation of the kind thoughts of the subordinate staff.

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S.S. "R. C. RICKMERS" STRIKES ROCK IN LYEEMUN PASS.

BADLY HOLED AND BEACHED AT YAUMATI.

A BELATED WIRELESS MESSAGE.

The s.s. *R. C. Rickmers*, a German steamer of 3,198 tons net, struck a rock in Lyeemun Pass yesterday morning. She was badly holed on her starboard side, but was able to return to harbour without assistance. It was found necessary to beach her at Yaumati. This operation was carried out successfully.

The vessel left port yesterday morning at daylight for Shanghai and Japanese ports with a general cargo of about 6,000 tons, principally iron, after discharging 1,000 tons of cargo in Hongkong. She had almost got clear of the pass when a trading junk got in her track. The Captain endeavoured to prevent a collision and turned the vessel towards shore. The junk likewise tried to avoid a collision and also moved in towards the shore, thus robbing the steamer of any room for manœuvring, and she went aground, her shell plates below the water line being damaged. This happened at 9.15 a.m., her slow progress from the harbour to the pass being due to the fact that she encountered fog in Kowloon Bay.

The skipper successfully got his vessel free from the rocks and brought her back into port without assistance, despite the fact that she was making water in the Nos. 1 and 2 holds.

In harbour it was found that she was making more water than was at first thought, so much so that the pumps could not cope with the inrush. The distress signal "N.H." ("On fire or leaking. Want immediate assistance") was hoisted and she attracted attention by blowing her syren continuously. Finally it was deemed advisable to beach the vessel as quickly as possible and she was run ashore on the Yaumati beach, not far from Stonecutters, where she now lies in 21 feet of water. This operation was carried out at 11.45 a.m. yesterday. The water by this time had reached a height of 6 feet 8 inches in the Nos. 1 and 2 holds. All the other holds are intact. She rests on the beach on a level keel and there is abundant opportunity for discharging her cargo, which was commenced shortly after she had been beached. It is the intention of the agents to discharge all her cargo. When the vessel left port at daylight she was drawing 23 feet of water so that the depth of water in which she lies at present does not reach her Plimsoll mark.

The agents for the vessel in Hongkong are Messrs. Carl Bodiker and Co., of the China Building. They informed a representatives of the *Daily Press* yesterday afternoon that the first news of the mishap was received by them at 11 a.m. when a telephone message was received from the Kowloon Godown Company. Curiously enough a wireless message sent out by the Captain of the distressed vessel soon after she struck at 9.15 a.m. was not received by the agents until a quarter-of-an-hour after the telephone message had been received, which was about the time that the vessel was being beached at Yaumati.

The *R. C. Rickmers* is practically a new vessel. She was built in 1921 by the Nordd. Geestemunde for the Rickmers Rhederey. She is 401.5 feet long, has a beam of 53.2 feet and a depth of 27.5 feet and is registered in Hamburg. Her master is Captain R. P. H. Schivetmann, who is described by the agents as being one of the most trusted skippers of the Company.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

[BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE PUISNE JUDGE (MR. H. R. J. GOMPERTZ).]

TEN CASES BEFORE THE COURT.

Mr. Justice Gompertz sat in bankruptcy jurisdiction yesterday afternoon at the Supreme Court, when ten petitions came up for consideration. Nine of the cases concerned Chinese and the remaining one had to do with a Portuguese. Seven of the cases were adjourned and in three others receiving orders were made.

The case of the Portuguese was one in which a clerk in the employ of Mr. H. M. H. Nemazee, named Jono Mario Gutierrez, of Nos. 4 and 5, Pilken Street, Yaumati, petitioned the Court for a receiving order to be made on the ground that he was unable to pay his debts. The case was adjourned. In another case two Chinese creditors asked for a receiving order to be made against the Foo Hang Bank, the assets of which were stated at $25,000 and the liabilities at $60,000. This case was also adjourned.

A BANK CLERK IN DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. G. R. Haywood petitioned the Court for a receiving order to be made on behalf of his client, Chun Ping Kwong, against Woo Yick Chi, formerly a clerk in the employ of the Bank of East Asia.

Mr. Haywood produced a deposit note of the petitioning creditor for $700 which had been signed by the debtor. Altogether the assets had been estimated at $5,600.

The Official Receiver (Mr. H. A. Nisbet) said that he was not in a position to state whether the assets were good or otherwise. The liabilities were also unknown. Mr. Nisbet pointed out that the debtor had left the Colony.

Mr. Haywood said that he had every reason to believe that the debts due to the debtor were collectable and that these could not be collected until a receiving order had been made, as there was nobody to collect them.

The petitioning creditor, giving evidence, said that from enquiries made from the debtor's wife and others he had reason to believe that the debtor's assets amounted to over $5,000. There was every chance of collecting this money as far as he could ascertain.

Mr. Haywood said that there would be no harm in having a receiver appointed. The order could be rescinded later if necessary.

Witness went on to state that the debtor left the Colony about six months ago and as far as he knew he was merely a clerk in the employ of the Bank of East Asia.

His Lordship: Was he running another business?—No.

Then how did he come to lend these people money?—I am not sure but I know his father had some money. He did not run a private business.

The Official Receiver: Why did you lend money to the debtor?—The debtor said he was in need of money and asked me for $700.

Witness said he lent this money about two months before the debtor left the Colony. It was purely a friendly loan. As far as he knew the debtor kept no books.

Mr. Haywood pointed out that the petition was filed six months ago and that this was the first bankruptcy Court to be held since then.

The Official Receiver said that the evidence as to assets had been built up on hearsay; there had been no direct evidence on this point.

On the suggestion of the Official Receiver the case was adjourned for a fortnight; his Lordship stating that he would like to have something more tangible as to the assets before he would agree to grant an order.

YAUMATI POLICE COURT.

MAGISTRATE ON ACCUSED WHO BRING CHILDREN.

At Yaumati Police Court yesterday morning, the Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) must have gone very near the record for lightning administration of justice.

Sergt. Nolloth brought before his Worship some fifteen cases in which one or more Chinese were charged with either hawking without a licence or causing obstruction while hawking. Thirty-nine delinquents altogether were concerned, most of whom pleaded guilty.

His Worship disposed of all the cases in less than 25 minutes from the time he took his seat, his decisions ranging from discharges with a caution to fines of from $2 or 4 days' to $10 or 14 days. The first five cases occupied him exactly five minutes.

One of the male Chinese appeared holding a tiny boy by the hand, whereupon Mr. Hamilton remarked that this was done for effect. "You simply bring them here," he observed, "because you think I will fine you less if you have a small child with you. Quite wrong." The fine in this instance was $4 or 7 days'.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

The motor-bus driver who is awaiting trial on a charge of manslaughter as a result of the death of a coolie, due, it is alleged, to reckless driving on March 23rd has been remanded. Bail in $100 was fixed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Yaumati Police Court yesterday.

CLOUDED MIRRORS.

SEQUEL TO RENOVATIONS AT REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

His Honour the Puisne Judge gave judgment yesterday morning in the Summary Court in a case concerning the delivery of two large mirrors for erection in the dining room of the Repulse Bay Hotel. The plaintiffs were A. Ling-k Co., of No. 19, Queen's Road Central, and the defendants were the China, American Industrial and Developing Co., Ltd., of No. 51 and 52, Queen's Road Central. The plaintiffs claimed $480, being the price of two large mirrors sold and delivered to the defendants in 1923.

Mr. T. G. Bennett appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. R. E. A. Webster for the defendants.

In the course of his judgment his Lordship said that in July last, the defendants accepted the plaintiff's tender for the installation of two large mirrors at the Repulse Bay Hotel. The mirrors were to be constructed by the plaintiffs. There was some delay in construction owing to a breakage, but on October 13th the mirrors were put up in the hotel by the plaintiffs.

The defendants claimed that the contract had not been performed in that the mirrors were not reasonably fit for the purpose for which they were required. It was alleged that the silver was defective, that the work was badly done, and that there were cloudy passages all over the surface of the mirrors. On this point there was a conflict of evidence, but on the whole, he thought, he was bound to find that the mirrors were defective and that they were not fit for the purpose for which they were intended, and of this the plaintiffs had due notice. The defects, they thought, were due to unskillful construction.

It had been argued that the defendants had been stopped from the outset of the defence as they inspected and approved of the mirrors and instructed the plaintiff's workmen to proceed. "I am satisfied," said his Lordship, "that they objected to the work as soon as they had an opportunity of seeing it."

It was also alleged that the mirrors were fixed to the wall of the hotel property and that therefore the defendants must pay the agreed price and that their remedy, if any, lay in a claim for damages. His Lordship referred to a dictum by Halsbury and said that he must give judgment for the defendants with costs.

SCOUT AND WOLF-CLUB CONCERT.

3RD WANCHAI (WESLEYAN) TROOP AND PACK.

The Boy Scout Association rules lay down that Scouts are not allowed to solicit money either for their Troop funds or any other purpose, and the spirit of the movement as regards finance on the part of the boys themselves is that money should be earned. To this end Local Troops and Packs organise concerts, and by their efforts as entertainers Troop funds are raised.

A very enjoyable concert was given at the Seamen's Institute, Praya East, on Tuesday evening by the Scouts and Cubs of the 3rd Wanchai (Wesleyan) Troop. Judging by the applause, the large audience appreciated the various items of a well-thought out programme.

Miss Jean Foulds in the opening pianoforte solo displayed great musical talent, and the snake-march and chorus by the Scout Troop was very interesting. Mrs. D. J. Brown and Mrs. R. K. Duncan delighted the gathering by their renderings of selected songs, and Patrol Leader Leslie What gave a vocal account of the adventures of Tim, a "Tenderfoot," who "made good" when he was placed in charge of a patrol.

The Chief Scout's Address (by gramaphone) was listened to with great interest, and the original methods adopted by the scouts to represent the Great Bear, Orion, and other constellations were amusing and instructive. The display by the Wolf-Pack under the able guidance of Cubmaster F. P. Williams showed that the younger lads of the Troop have the true Cub-spirit of Dob, Dob, Dob. ("Do our Best").

At the conclusion, Scoutsmaster A. Kirk thanked the lady artistes and the audience for their attendance and support. Mr. C. Champkin, Deputy Commissioner, thanked all who had contributed to the success of the evening, and the singing of the National Anthem brought an end to an enjoyable entertainment.

Mr. J. G. P. Foulds, Cubmaster of the 6th (Taikoo) Pack, rendered valuable assistance, and the members of the 3rd Troop thank him heartily for his "scouty" services so readily given.

YING WA COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION.

A successful *al fresco* concert took place on Wednesday night, at the Ying Wa College Recreation ground, Bonham Road, in celebration of the *alumni* association and to welcome the return of Mrs. A. Hughes, wife of the late principal of the College.

The play ground was decorated with lanterns and bunting for the occasion. The chairman opened the concert by extending welcome to all the guests present. Amongst those attended that night's function were: The Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. L. G. Philips (Principal of the College), members of the London Mission Society, committeemen of the College, and some of the professors of the University of Hongkong.

Practically all the contributors to the programme of entertainment were old boys of the College and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th April, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 8th May, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1924. [667

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship
"KOSMO"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 22nd April, 1924 will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 29th April, 1924, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period of one week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
THE BANK LINE, LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1924. 664

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "DACRE CASTLE."

FROM NEW YORK AND NEW PORT NEWS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 14th instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 3 th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

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NOTICE.

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On These Days
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY will be OPENED for Dispensing Prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

On SATURDAY, the 19TH INSTANT, All Departments will be OPEN as Usual.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1924. 657

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, No. 6, CONNAUGHT ROAD, on WEDNESDAY, the 30TH APRIL, 1924, at 11 o'CLOCK A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 23rd April, 1924, until Wednesday, the 30th April, 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
650] General Managers.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 6TH MAY, 1924, at 11 o'CLOCK in the Morning, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th April to 30th May, both days inclusive.

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The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure, Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS at $5 each up to Friday, April 18th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. 616

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LOST.

APPLICATION has been made to this Company to issue to the Hon. Mr. CHAU KIU KI, of Hongkong, 5 Duplicate Certificates for Two Thousand Five Hundred Shares in this Company, numbered 00554, 00555, 00556, 00557, 00558, upon statement that the Original Certificates Nos. 00554, 00555, 00556, 00557, 00558, dated 23rd January, 1924, together with relative Transfer Deeds attached, have been LOST, or MISLAID; and NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within Thirty Days from the Date hereof No Claim or Representation in respect of such Original Certificates are made to this Company, we will then proceed to deal with such Application.

For HONGKONG DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING AND SAVINGS SOCIETY, LTD.,
EDWARD B. RAYMOND,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1924. 588

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NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a PUBLIC AUCTION will be held at this TREASURY OFFICE on THURSDAY, the 15TH MAY, 1924, at 11 A.M., for the sale of the OPIUM MONOPOLY in Macao, for a period of three years extending from 1st July, 1924, to 30th June, 1927.

Particulars as to the condition of sale may be seen at the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong and at this Treasury Office. Dated at the Treasury Office of the Province of Macao the 31st March, 1924.

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HONGKONG, APRIL 18TH, 1924.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

THE United States Senate has been fruitful of "sensations" recently. The passage of an amendment to an Immigration Bill which will have the effect of practically stopping entirely the immigration of Japanese into the United States is not the least noteworthy of these "sensations." That this amendment, despite the protests made by Japan, should have been carried by 74 votes to 4 shows a remarkable unanimity in the Senate which, judging from the cables we published yesterday giving the views expressed in New York papers on the subject, cannot be said to be reflected outside the Senate—except perhaps on the Western coastline. This decision on the part of the Senate, and the identical decision by the House of Representatives, is the culminating point in what is now a very old controversy. It dates back to 1906, when the Educational Authorities of San Francisco decided to exclude Japanese and Korean children from the public schools, a decision prompted by local labour opposition to Asiatic competition in the labour markets of California. The Japanese Ambassador took the matter up with the Government in the Federal Capital, and the late President ROOSEVELT succeeded in getting this segregation order withdrawn by arranging with Japan what has since been described as "The Gentlemen's Agreement." Under this arrangement Japan undertook greatly to restrict the immigration of Japanese labour, which heretofore had been entering the United States in a considerable stream, especially from the Hawaiian Islands where many thousands of Japanese are employed on the sugar plantations.

In recent years the American Government has deemed it necessary to place greater restrictions on immigration generally. It began in 1921 by declaring that immigrants from any nation would not be admitted in any one year to the extent of more than three per cent. of the nationals of the country who were residing in America in the year 1910. Definite "quotas" for each country were accordingly fixed on this basis. But still greater restriction is considered necessary, and the new Bill provides not only for the reduction of the percentage from three to two, but for taking the statistics of 1890 (instead of 1910), as the basis for the calculation of each country's "quota." Moreover, the new Bill denies entry to foreigners who have no right of naturalisation in the United States. This is where the new enactment discriminates against the Japanese. The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that, under the Revised Statutes of the United States, a Japanese cannot be naturalised. The case arose out of legislation enacted by the Californian State legislature which deprived Japanese of the right to own real property in the United States, or even to lease it. In some cases the Japanese sought to get around this law by transferring land to their children born in the United States (for whom the claim was made that they were American citizens by the fact of birth), but it was discovered that this was not possible under the law which deprived the children in such circumstances of the guardianship of their alien-born parents. The Supreme Court decision later confirmed the assumption underlying the California Land Laws that Japanese, on account of their race, are ineligible for American citizenship, and, now, on the basis of that decision, both the House of Representatives and the Senate have decreed by their resolutions the exclusion of Japanese.

A very serious international issue is thus raised in a most aggravating form, and it is not surprising that Japan has expressed herself in very emphatic terms to the American Government on this racial discrimination. Senator LODGE has described the Ambassador's letter as "a veiled threat." All the talk in the United States to which the world has been treated in the past about the possibility of Japanese naval and military aggression on the Pacific Coast to enforce her demands has always seemed to us fantastic, and we can readily believe that no thought of the kind was in the mind of the Japanese Government when it directed the Ambassador at Washington to make the representations which appear to have given so much umbrage in certain political circles in the United States. Surely a State in the diplomatic relationship that Japan is with the whole world, could not but protest with the utmost emphasis against the discrimination. We can hardly suppose that some way will not be found of getting round the resolution to Japan's satisfaction. Mr. ROOSEVELT, when President of the United States, suggested the adoption of legislative measures which would enable Japanese to be naturalised in America. Having regard to the extensive relations of the United States and Japan, commercially and educationally, it is inconceivable that a way will not be promptly found of mitigating a grievance which must otherwise rankle and lead to serious international estrangements, if it does not ultimately lead to war.

To-day being Good Friday, there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Daily Press* to-morrow. The next issue will be on Monday morning.

To-night, at 9.15, a special choir of fifty voices is announced to sing selections from Handel's "Messiah" in St. John's Cathedral.

Colonel C. Russell-Brown, D.S.O., Chief Engineer, China Command, will carry out his annual inspection of the barracks in North China, and will leave Hongkong accompanied by Capt. J. E. Chippendall, M.C., R.E., acting Staff Officer, on the 26th inst. He will be absent for about a month.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday the Medical Officer of Health will propose to add to the by-law relating to the prevention of the dissemination of disease by mosquitoes, the following words:—"No bamboo scaffolding or fence shall hereafter be erected or maintained in which there shall be any exposed cavity capable of retaining water."

Capt. S. Robinson, R.N.R., Commander of the Canadian Pacific liner *Empress of Australia* (at present in command of the *Empress of Canada*, on a world tour), has been awarded a silver medal of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, in recognition of his services in connection with the Japanese earthquake and subsequent relief operations in Yokohama.

An incident which occurred at a local bank mess had its sequel at the Magistracy, yesterday, when a room boy appeared before Mr. C. D. Melbourne and charged a mess boy with assault. The trouble, it appears, arose over a tea-cup, which had to be washed and duly returned to the kitchen. The mess boy is alleged to have chased the other and stab him on the face with a fork. The Magistrate ordered defendant to pay $10 to plaintiff as compensation and bound the assailant over for six months.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE "GOD" IN THE CAR.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I was delighted to read the apt remarks of "Mother of Six" on the question of three coolies to a rickshaw. I can imagine your correspondent, after providing a scanty tiffin for her offspring, taking a constitutional down Ice House Street to see how the wealthy live. For her perambulations (or even perambulators) to be upset by the disgraceful conduct of rickshaw coolies is a matter which makes my blood throw up boils, and I trust our splendid and grandmotherly Government will take the matter up. Have our more highly-placed officials no hearts; or no relations who are mothers of six?

For my part, I am a nervous wreck after three months spent in dodging motor-cars. I have to ascend Garden Road twice daily at the risk of my life. I know I have no right to be walking on a road which is used by such splendid motor-cars, but I can't help it, as there is no footwalk. Perhaps, sir, you can tell me what to do.—Yours, etc.,

TWICE RUN OVER.

Hongkong, April 17th.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—"Mother of Six," appears to have become needlessly excited over what is, after all, one of the least of the evils which afflict the Hongkong streets. I can assure her, despite mathematics, that three coolies are not necessarily more dangerous than one, though they certainly make more noise. The alleged danger arises, not from the esperate speed of the rickshas, but from the narrowness of the street, and if "Mother of Six" is nervous, might it not be possible for her to go round by some other way?

"Mother of Six" also does a grave injustice to those who ride in "three-man" rickshas when she classes them in the same category with road-hogs—an increasingly numerous class, and one far more deserving condemnation that the mild rickshaw-terror. I can assure her that the annoyance of being jostled by a rickshaw coolie is as nothing compared to the shock of receiving a perfectly good motor-car in the small of the back—a state of affairs which, at certain parts of Caine Road, can only be averted by chamois-like bounds from side to side.—Yours, etc.,

SIE I WEN.

Hongkong, April 17th, 1924.

A LARGE EARTHQUAKE.

HONGKONG OBSERVATORY'S SEISMOGRAPH RECORD.

We are informed that during the earthquake which occurred in the early morning of April 15th, the movements of the seismograph room at the Hongkong Observatory were greater than during the Japanese earthquake last September.

The initial movement, at 0h. 24m. 52s., was very small in both N.-E. Components (0.3m.m. to North and 0.3m.m. to W.), but after two small waves, large "P" waves occurred, decreasing in amplitude until 0h. 28m. 35s., when very large "S" waves commenced. The incidence of the "L" or surface waves is uncertain.

The maximum amplitude of the "P" waves was 50m.m. in a N.-S. direction and 36 m.m. in an E.-W. direction. The maximum amplitude of the "S" waves was 98 m.m. in a N.-S. direction and 50 m.m. in an E.-W. direction. The maximum amplitude of the "L" or surface waves was 80 m.ms. in a N.-S. direction and more than 100 m.ms. in an E.-W. direction. The movements ceased soon after 4h.

The interval between P (longitudinal) waves and the S (transverse) was in a measure of the distance of the origin. In this case it was 3m. 43s., indicating that the origin was 2230 kilometres distant, provided the depth of the quake below the surface, the path of the waves, and the nature of the material traversed was about normal.

The N. and E. Components of the initial movement also show the direction of the origin with, however, an ambiguity of 180 degrees; for the first impulse may be a rarifaction or compression. In this case the initial movement was outwards from the origin, which appears to have been between Mindanao and the Pelew Islands.

POLICEMAN MISSING.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

The *Hongkong Daily Press* learns that an Indian constable has been missing for two days from Sham Shui Po Police Station.

He went on duty at 4 p.m. on the 15th inst., and has not been seen since. Search parties have been active ever since the day of his disappearance, but have been entirely unsuccessful. Foul play is suspected.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE INDIAN DEBATE.

SITUATION CLARIFIED.

SIMLA, April 16th.

The debate on India in the House of Commons on the 15th instant has been welcomed as clarifying the situation and strengthening the hands of the Government of India. The politicians who had hoped that the Labour-Liberal combination would succeed in carrying an amendment to Lord Curzon's motion to appoint a Commission are disappointed, and the Indian Press has angrily declared that the Labour Government has missed an opportunity of getting a favourable verdict in the House of Commons on Earl Reading's Government.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN CONFERENCE.

DISAPPOINTMENT IN MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, April 16th.

Disappointment is expressed in Mr. MacDonald's speech in regard to the Anglo-Russian conference. The *Izvestia* says that under the cloak of a Sunday sermon appear some hard demands of British bankers, the acceptance of which would change the whole socialistic Soviet system.

MCKENNA DUTIES LAPSE.

BIG IMPORTS REVENUE DROPPED.

LONDON, April 16th.

Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has decided to allow the McKenna duties to lapse, thus a thirty-three per cent. *ad valorem* duty on imported films, time-pieces, motor-cars, and musical instruments has been dropped. The Cabinet is likely to endorse the decision.

SHIPPING STRIKE.

LOCK-OUT NOTICES WITHDRAWN.

LONDON, April 16th.

The shipbuilding employers' federation announce that in view of a general resumption of work by members of the Transport and General Workers' Union, the Southampton lockout notices are to be withdrawn in regard to members of that Union in other districts. This is the first Union involved in the lockout whose members have resumed work.

EARLIER CABLES.

COAL-OWNERS AND MINERS.

LABOUR MINISTER'S HOPEFUL STATEMENT.

LONDON, April 16th.

A joint meeting of the representatives of the coal owners and miners agreed to the terms on which operations are to continue pending the report by the Court of Inquiry.

LATER.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Shaw, Minister of Labour, stated that there was every prospect of an understanding in the coal mining dispute, which, it was hoped, would bring peace to the mining industry for a very considerable time.

BUILDING TRADE CRISIS THREATENED.

TWO PENCE OR A HALF PENNY!

LONDON, April 16th.

A crisis in the building trade affecting 700,000 workers is threatened.

The men are demanding an increase in wages of 2d. an hour. The employers have offered an advance of a half-penny an hour.

A conference of the building trade unions held in London decided to submit the employers' offer to a ballot.

TRADE FACILITIES BILL.

LONDON, April 16th.

In the House of Commons, the Trade Facilities Bill was read a third time.

COMMONS ADJOURN FOR EASTER.

LONDON, April 16th.

The House of Commons has adjourned till April 24th.

PREMIER AND DISARMAMENT.

REPLY TO COL. SEELY IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, April 16th.

The question of disarmament was raised in the House of Commons when Col. Seely referred to France's great air force. He did not believe that it was directed against us, but at others joining in the air race.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald replied that he intended, immediately some of the present difficulties in Europe are removed, to face seriously the question of armaments. Not merely was is most important that there should be no reason for a misunderstanding between France and Great Britain, but other Powers were participating in an unfortunate air race. "It would be far better" he continued "if we could get a sort of Washington agreement so that France, Italy and ourselves and everybody else would feel some measure of security."

GERMANY WILLING TO PAY.

NOTE TO REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

PARIS, April 16th.

A Note handed to the Reparations Commission says that the German Government considers that the Experts' Report offers a practical basis for the rapid solution of the reparations problem. The Government, therefore, declares it willingness to collaborate in the execution of the Experts' plans.

MUSSOLINI CONSULTS HIS OWN EXPERTS.

ROME, April 16th.

It is semi-officially intimated that, at a meeting between Signor Mussolini and the Italian experts, it was decided that the experts' reports constitute a suitable basis for a solution of the Reparations question.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

BERLIN, April 16th.

It is reported that the Government have postponed the elections from the 4th May to the 11th May in order that the expected swing to the Right will not influence the elections.

LATER.

It is officially stated that the general elections will be held on May 4th, as originally arranged.

GREECE RECOGNIZED BY FRANCE.

LONDON, April 16th.

A message from Paris states that France has granted the Republican Government of Greece *de jure* recognition.

EXCHANGES IMPROVE.

LONDON, April 16th.

The steady improvement in foreign exchange since the reparations' Experts' Reports has been enhanced by the German acceptance of the Reports.

Sterling on New York reached $4.33.1; French Francs 79.47-1/2; and Belgian Francs 80.87.

BRITISH WORLD FLIGHT.

"VULTURE" ARRIVES AT ATHENS.

ATHENS, April 16th.

Squadron Leader A.C.S. MacLaren in the flying boat *Vulture* has arrived.

LATER.

Maclaren has left for Cairo.

MAYOR OF CALCUTTA.

SWARAJIST OUSTS BRITISH CANDIDATE.

CALCUTTA, April 16th.

The Swarajist leader, Mr. Das, has been elected Mayor of Calcutta, defeating the European, Mr. Willson, by 59 votes to 13.

In the course of a speech, Mayor Das denied that the Corporation will be anti-European, or that the party intended to obstruct the city's affairs. He outlined a constructive programme, including free primary education, medical relief, improved housing, sanitation and suburban developments.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

U.S. IMMIGRATION BILL.

WASHINGTON, April 16th.

The Senate has voted down an amendment to the Immigration Bill prohibiting immigration for five years.

EARLIER CABLES.

U.S. WORLD FLIGHT.

MAJOR MARTIN AND CREW ALL WELL.

WASHINGTON, April 16th.

A destroyer has wirelessed to the effect that Major Martin and his companions were rescued in Portage Bay, Alaska. All were well.

WORLD CHESS.

NEW YORK, April 16th.

In the chess tournament adjourned games Bogoljuhow defeated Janowski in the twentieth round, and Janowski and Edward Lasker drew in the twenty-first round.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FALL OF AMOY.

REPORTED CAPTURE BY ADMIRAL YANG HSUT SUN.

PEKING, April 17th.

Foreign telegram from Amoy, dated April 17th, states that Amoy has surrendered to Admiral Yang Hsut Sun. General Lin Chang Yin whom Tsang Chi Ping recently dismissed is in command of Amoy city. Foochow troops heavily defeated Tsang Chi Ping at Tungan last Tuesday. Tsang is supposed to be at Kuankow with the remains of his army. General Hung Chow Lin is expected to capture Chang Chow to-day. Hung Chow Lin and Lin Chan Yin recently rejoined the Northern cause. These developments, therefore, represent Northern successes.

MISSING TSINGTAO OFFICIAL

FORCED BY DETECTIVES TO GO BACK.

TSINGTAO, April 17th.

Tsou Wen Wei, ex-Director of General Affairs, who mysteriously left the city last week during his examination with regard to a leak in the Treasury funds during the Hsiung *regime*, has been found by detectives at Tsinan. He was forced to choose between arrest and immediate return here. He chose the latter alternative. The investigation into the disappearance of public funds amounting to Taels 3,000,000 may now continue.

STEAMER WRECKED IN UPPER YANGTSZE.

"PAKIANG'S" PASSENGERS ALL SAFE.

ICHENG, April 16th.

The steamer *Pakiang* flying the Italian flag, struck the rocks below Yehtan and was badly holed. Her engine room and forehold were flooded. The steamer was beached. Salvage gear is being forwarded. All the passengers were saved.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

CHINA SAID TO WISH TO CHANGE AGREEMENT WITH BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 16th.

Replying to Mr. Chapple with regard to the Anglo-Chinese draft agreement of last year with respect to Weihaiwei, Mr. Arthur Ponsonby said objection to the clause giving Great Britain the option to renew free of charge the loan of land and buildings for the purpose of a sanitarium was one of the pretexts advanced last October by the Chinese Government in justification of their desire to fundamentally change the agreement reached after a protracted discussion with their representatives.

CO-OPERATIVE RUBBER SELLING.

CIRCULAR BY GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, April 16th.

The Rubber Growers' Association are circularising rubber producing companies in the United Kingdom asking whether in principle they are in favour of the co-operative selling of rubber under the auspices of the Association, and urging the members to whole-heartedly support the proposed scheme in view of the advantage a limited number of buyers at present would have over a multitude of sellers, and Mr. Hoover's recent letter recommending action with a view to permitting American purchasers of rubber and other raw materials to establish joint buying agencies.

The Association expresses willingness to establish a strong committee for the purpose of working out the details, and expresses the opinion that in view of the control of the exports of Ceylon and Malaya co-operative selling presents no serious difficulties, and says it is anticipated that the necessary finances will be easily obtainable if adequately supported and the scheme adopted.

CHINA TRADE MARK LAW.

HOME VIEWS.

LONDON, April 16th.

At a meeting of the Far Eastern Section of the London Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman, Mr. Frederick Anderson, referring to the controversy regarding the new China Trademarks Law, said that hitherto the Chinese had been deaf to representations made to them, not in the interests of foreigners alone, but in the best interests of China herself. The case was so simple that it was astonishing that any difficulties should have arisen. Nobody in the least desired to do anything prejudicial to Chinese interests.

ANGLO-CHINESE TRADE.

IS IT AFFECTED BY DUTY ON CHINA TEA?

LONDON, April 16th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Chapple, Mr. Ponsonby stated that the Treasury and the Board of Trade were considering representations by the Chinese Legation in regard to the prejudicial effect on Anglo-Chinese trade of a differential duty against China tea.

ANGLO-JAPANESE COMMERCIAL TREATY.

PROJECTED REPEAL OF ARTICLE MADE IN 1911.

LONDON, April 16th.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Japanese Government had given notice that they wished to abrogate Article VIII. of the Anglo-Japanese Commercial Treaty of 1911 with the Schedule annexed to the treaty. The British Government had consented to arrive at an understanding with the Japanese Government that the Article and Schedule should cease to operate on March 10th, 1925.

[Article VIII. provides that articles, the produce and manufacture of the United Kingdom, enumerated in Part I. of the Schedule annexed to the Treaty shall not, on importation into Japan, be subjected to higher customs duties than those specified in the schedule. These articles are paints, certain cotton tissues, tissues of wool and mixed tissues, pig iron and plates and sheets. And the clause of Article VIII. provides that certain articles produced or manufactured in Japan and enumerated in the schedule shall be free of duty on importation into the United Kingdom. These include silks, copper, straw plaiting, camphor and camphor oil, baskets and bamboo ware, mats and rush matting, Japanese lacquered ware, and rapeseed oil. The clause makes provision for modifications in the schedule on the prescribed notice of intention being given.—ED.]

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

SENATE ROLL-CALL REAFFIRMS BARRING CLAUSE.

WASHINGTON, April 16th.

Certain members desiring to have their position formally recorded by a roll-call, the Senate, by 71 votes to 4, again approved the Japanese Exclusion Amendment to the Immigration Bill.

The Tokyo correspondent states that the Japanese should face the exclusion situation calmly and unresentfully, in accordance with their ideals, which prohibit a blow for a blow. The statesman Goto, in an interview, said "Let us proceed with a clear conscience, regardless of the attitude of the others. Our way is the way of national prosperity." It is not believed that the action of the Congress, which is diametrically opposite to American ideals as Japan understands them, really represents the peoples' will. It is reckoned that, ultimately, Congress will reverse its decision.

JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER.

VISCOUNT KIYOURA INTERVIEWED.

TOKYO, April 17th.

Expressing regret at the drastic action of Congress in the matter of Japanese emigrants, Viscount Kiyoura, Prime Minister of Japan said in an interview, "it seems to us to have been hardly necessary, in view of the fact that our whole history has shown us to be willing to be reasonable. We are willing to accept only a nominal privilege. If we have not made this clear in language, we have at any rate shown it by a long record of actions of friendship which may now be impaired but cannot be broken." He said that Japan did not dispute America's right to arrange her own immigration. She asked only for a concession which, if denied, would cause regret, because she hoped for a further act of consideration additional to several which America had shown before. He declared that Japan would never forget America's moral and financial support during the greatest crisis in her history and America's impressive sympathy in Japan's greatest disaster.

JAPANESE BONDS IN U.S.

YEN'S LOW RECORD.

NEW YORK, April 16th.

With sales of Japanese bonds exceeding $500,000, during the first-half-hour 6½ per cents. were hammered down to 90?

The Yen is below 41 cents, a new low record for the present year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The Siberian railway route seems to be coming into use again by people going home from the Far East. We observe that Mr. and Mrs. A. Ramsay (formerly of Hongkong) and their four young sons recently left Peking for home by that route. To-day Mr. B. Hellstrom, of Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, is leaving for his home in Sweden by the Siberian route. Mr. Hellstrom has the advantage of being able to speak Russian fluently. He was in Russia, in the Swedish Consular service, during the war.

The Wembley Exhibition has added to the sum total of the world's knowledge. Two electricians passed a number of Chinese. "Chinks," said one of them. "Yes," replied the other. "They're carpenters." "Garn!" "Yes, I seen 'em working in the Hongkong Section." "Well, I'm blowed!" was the amazed response. "I never knew the Chinks was anything but coolies!" Those who know the Chinese have a different opinion.—From the *China Express and Telegraph.*

CHINA QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

The following extracts appear in reports of recent proceedings in the House of Commons:—

ABOLITION OF LIKIN.

March 12th.—Mr. Ponsonby, Under Secretary to the Foreign Office (Brightside), replying to Mr. Hannon (Moseley, C.), said, referring to the fact that Article 8 of the Mackay Treaty, providing for the abolition of "likin," had not, in fact, been carried out by the Chinese authorities, that his Majesty's Government were fully alive to the importance of the matter. They were, indeed, at present in consultation with his Majesty's Minister at Peking as to the best means of dealing with this question at the special conference to be held in pursuance of the Nine-Power Customs Treaty, but it must be realised that great difficulties existed owing to the present disorganised conditions in China and the lack of control of the Central Government over many of the provincial authorities.

CHINESE TRADE MARK LAW.

March 18th.—Mr. Sydney Webb, replying to Mr. Barclay, said H.M. Government are fully conversant with, and have given careful consideration to, the new Chinese Trade Marks Law. They are now in communication with the Chinese Government as regards those provisions of the Law which affect British trade interests in China.

THE WEI-HAI-WEI AGREEMENT.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald stated the draft agreement for the retrocession of Wei-hai-wei, agreed upon by the British and Chinese delegations in June last, and approved by his Majesty's Government, has not, so far, been accepted by the Chinese Government.

ANOTHER MISSION FOR SIR CHARLES ADDIS.

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL DEBT COMMITTEE.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in the House of Commons on March 18th the constitution of the Committee to inquire into the National Debt. Lord Colwyn will be Chairman, and amongst the members are Sir Charles Addis, Sir Alan G. Anderson, and Sir Arthur Balfour. It is unnecessary to state Sir Charles Addis is chairman of the London Committee of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and a director of the Bank of England. He was a member of the Cunliffe Currency Committee of 1918-19, of the Indian Currency Committee of 1920, and is at present on his way back from Brazil, which he has visited as a member of the Financial Mission. Sir Charles Addis has an impartial mind, and, as a banker of distinguished record, knows a great deal about monetary problems in the practical as well as the theoretical sense. He has, by his lucid expositions, made intelligible to the layman many abstruse subjects. Sir Arthur Balfour is managing director of Arthur Balfour and Co., Ltd., was president of the Association of Chambers of Commerce last year, and has served on a number of Government Committees. Other prominent business men are included, and all of them have the reputation of being very level-headed men of affairs. Labour includes Mr. Hobson, Mr. Rees-Smith, Mr. Bramley, Mr. Bowen, and Mrs. Barbara Wootton. The latter took high honours in economic studies at Girton.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL TRADE COUNCIL.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN JUNE.

The National Foreign Trade Council which is composed of the leading manufacturers, exporters, and importers in the United States of America will hold its next convention in Boston from June 4th to 6th.

The subjects for discussion will include education for foreign trade, banking facilities, European practice, export problems, report on world Trade conditions, importing problems, foreign credits, advertising in foreign trade, merchant marine problems.

These discussions are of common concern to all nations and should interest import and export merchants the world over, the network of world trade having practical control over international relations. Fair competition between nations will be the deciding factor in the opening of new markets and the development of new markets for all the manufacturing nations and the open discussions of problems in connection with trade will tend to foster a spirit of fair dealing and co-operation which will immensely benefit all who participate. The Convention will be largely attended and is expected to have a direct influence on nation trade policies.

SINGAPORE A "GANGLION."

Professor E. Harper Parker, Liverpool, writing to a Home paper, says:—"Touching the Singapore naval base, I not only spent some time in examining the port arrangements, Johore possibilities, etc., in 1888, but at the same time I visited Burma, Siam, Sumatra, Java, all the Australian States, New Zealand, the New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Fiji, Samoa, Honolulu, etc., and from this experience I came long ago to the conclusion that Singapore was one of the most vital 'ganglions' of the Empire. This was all unofficial, but reports were sent to Lord Salisbury. In 1894 I did for Bermuda what in 1898 I had done for Singapore, and came to the conclusion that Bermuda was our second vital 'ganglion.'"

L. S. D. OF BETTING.

[BY A BOOKMAKER.]

The bulk of the genuine bookmaking is done by starting price "bookies." It is illegal for money to pass, so all this business is done on a credit basis. Since one knows the number of S. P. bookmakers carrying on a regular, steady and honest business, and since one knows from personal experience the average takings on any race week, big event it is not difficult to calculate the probable figure in the season. I personally, would put the figure at £60,000,000.

Obviously, the chances are in favour of the S. P. bookmaker, otherwise few men would go in for the game—it would not be worth while, but although a shrewd bookmaker usually sees himself covered, he has to contend with the knocker, and the knocker, amiable rogue, reduces the average bookmaker's profits by about forty per cent.

Beside the S. P. man there are those bookies who depend for their clients on the services of street runners. Some of these people are honest and pay up even when the book goes against them, others are not. Many crooks find an easy way of making a living by using a town address where the only accommodation they have is a very capacious letter-box. These gentry go out after the small punter, and catch him in large quantities. If he loses, they collect—in most cases—if the book goes against them they welsh. Probably some ten millions of money is involved in the transactions of these bookies, so called.

The street bookmaker is a horse of different colour. He usually has a very small office in a back street in a poor locality. He does not bother with circulars, but keeps a number of street runners busy. These men, rope in people of small means, and are chiefly responsible for the little flutters of housewives who find life indoors a trifle dull and who therefore enjoy the thrill of having "a tanner on."

Most street bookmakers are quite honest. It would go badly with them were they otherwise. They are men who live in the district where they work; they do not operate unseen from behind a high-sounding address, and directories of "mugs" such as the fake S. P. bookmaker hires from those who make a business of catering for him, do not interest the street bookie.

Probably in an average season some £8 to £10,000,000 passes hands in this way, and most of it in bets under half a crown.

Do bookmakers make colossal fortunes? I am often asked and, Is it easy to start as a S. P. bookmaker? Well, some bookmakers have made very large fortunes indeed. On an average, too, the income of a shrewd bookmaker probably comes within the range of the super-tax. But as to whether it is an easy game. In the first place a man must start with some capital at least £500, even if the start be very cautious. Bookmaking is a purely mathematical proposition. The work is one involving a knowledge of figures, a sound system of bookkeeping, and many of those qualities that go to the making of an insurance business. Many a "mug" has dropped a comfortable little fortune as a S. P. bookmaker. Like everything else, bookmaking has to be learned. With us it is a fairly important calling, for in such a year as the present, when the country will be overflowing with overseas visitors, the season's betting turnover will probably total up to no less than £150,000,000.

HANDWRITING SECRETS.

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Is it possible to tell character from a person's handwriting? Many students of penmanship claim that it is; but the possibility is denied by Professor Carvalho who, says *Popular Science*, has probably examined more handwriting than any other expert in the world.

"The only thing that handwriting can be counted upon to reveal is the writer's identity—this is the conclusion of my long experience," says Professor Carvalho.

"I have had the pleasure, so to speak, of sending thousands of forgers to prison, but through all my study of their penmanship I never learned an important thing about their characters. Sometimes, yet only sometimes, handwriting throws a little light upon the nature of a man's mind; it never tells anything worth while about his character, not to mention his diseases or his history.

"Disraeli said, 'Handwriting is but a gesture of the mind.' Writing sometimes shows this connection by revealing certain mental traits, such as logical sequence of the writer's customary thoughts; but such evidence may be lacking when we most expect it. Napoleon's signature, small and jumbling, gives no sign of his clear and forceful thinking, his extraordinary mental power. But the attractive, regular, clear handwriting of Poe, with most of the letters carefully joined, might be said to reveal his love of beauty and the clear and logical sequence of his poems and tales.

"If a man too drunk to talk can still sign a passable signature, the act of handwriting must be mainly mechanical and automatic; and, if a nearly unconscious drunkard still retains in his signature the peculiar characteristics of his handwriting, most of such characteristics must be the result of spontaneous movements made unconsciously as a matter of established habit.

"Controlled by the mind and not by the character, handwriting is, in fact, about 98½ per cent. mechanical. A man trains his hand to form letters with the pen.

"Every person's handwriting always contains more or less of the details that he inserts as the result of acquired habit. These may be the obvious features, such as the slant, the general pattern of each letter, the average lightness or heaviness of the lines, aside from the fineness or the coarseness of the pen, etc. He is well aware of these features, and he will alter them when he tries to disguise his hand or imitate the hand of another. But his writing also contains certain, tiny, characteristic distinctions that he is not aware of, and that he does not try to disguise and never does disguise."

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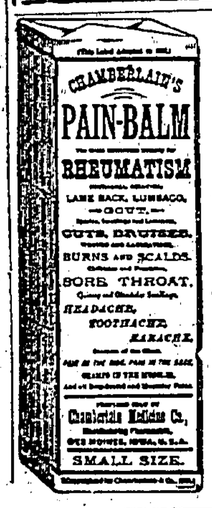

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POSTERITY'S HATS.

Paris has a certain reputation as a school of the prophets. What Parisians think to-day about frocks and sauces, and other of the greatest things in life, the rest of the world will be thinking next month. But hitherto the prophets of Paris have made, if we may say so, no great show at the longer ranges. Of the more remote future, whether in frocks and frills or cookery or ideas, they have not pretended to know much. Thus they have exhibited the good sense of their nation. But there has been a change of policy. It occurred to some rash spirit to organise a display of the hats that are to be worn in the year of grace 2000. The milliners of the town were persuaded that it would be good business, and the result was like nothing yet seen on this suffering earth. We recognise that to say so does not in the least weaken its prophetic authority. That the hats of the ladies of 2000 may be different from anything we can expect is probable enough. That they will be unlike anything woman has worn since Eve came out of Paradise is possible. Yet we will not believe that any prophet in Paris has seen a true vision. For the prophecies are appalling. The abashed reporter hints at confections which will appal lovers of animals. He tells of hats shaped like church-bells, champagne-bottles, parasols; of hats with aerials for wireless; of hats containing an apparatus of the toilet ample enough for Jezebel. Why should not our progeny be crowned with these creations? the prophetic milliners demand. Our ancestresses wore more, and worse. Is it not shown in a thousand eighteenth-century prints that the women who curtseyed to George III. and Louis the Well-beloved wore the head built up over a cushion, and on the summit plumes of feathers, ships in sail, coaches and horses, butterflies in blown glass? We must agree that nothing Paris can yet do is worse than what Paris has done. We think of the vast wimples of the Middle Ages, of the turbans and the 'poke bonnets and the porkpie hats of last century. To avoid controversy we refrain from one word against anything which any fair head will wear to-day; but, in spite of women's awful past, we decline to believe that any prophet in or out of Paris can foretell what her future will be. Who, in the days of the Pompadour could have foretold the fashions of the Directory? These things are outside the sphere of the human reason.—*Daily Telegraph.*

RADIO TRANSMISSION OF THOUGHT.

Ether waves have been used in Chicago by three eminent psychologists in an attempt to transmit thought. Professor Gault, of the North-Western University, Professor Gardner Murphy, of Columbia University, and Professor English, of Antioch College, projected by radio their thoughts into minds many miles away, according to the answers received to-day from various persons. One test was for Professor Gault to think of a number, and he asked listeners-in to sit passively for three minutes, during which time each person was asked to write on a slip of paper the number which came to his mind. Various other three-minutes tests followed, the professor announcing that he had thought of a wild animal, certain lines of poetry, an article of food, &c. It is declared that the tests generally, while incomplete, were satisfactory so far as they went. Thousands of answers came from those who had volunteered to assist, and they will be tabulated. Professor Gault inclines to the view that so much mysterious power is associated with the other waves that an immense field for experiment and vast possibilities are now open to all radio enthusiasts, amateurs included. The possibilities of hypnotism by radio, more especially when the practitioner and the subject come into personal view—and this advance, it is believed, will be made here within a few years—is now discussed. Broadcasting stations in the United States are now so occupied with entertainment that they hesitate to enlarge the existing programmes, but for purposes of medical experiment a fund is being raised for the equipment of a special station.—*Daily Telegraph.*

WOMEN IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

Viscountess Rhondda, opening a spring sale in Wimpole-street, on February 29th, to provide funds for the political work of the Women's Freedom League, contended that some of the best women of to-day should be created peeresses, and be rendered eligible for the House of Lords. It had become the fashion to say that the House of Lords had very little power, but as a matter of fact it had a great deal of power. The present Government—from the women's point of view—was essentially a Government for women's questions, and there were four things which, if pressed, it ought to give them—equal franchise, widows' pensions, equal guardianship, and rectification of the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Bill, which would mean equal opportunities for men and women in the Civil Service.

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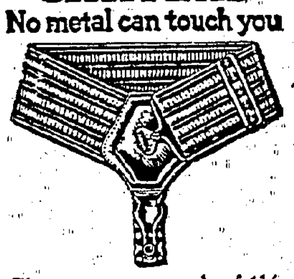

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COST OF THE ARMY.
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SCHEME TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF OFFICERS.

The Army Estimates for the coming year, which were issued on March 6th, show a reduction of £7,000,000. The Air Estimates show an increase of about £2,000,000, owing to the decision of the Government to adopt the scheme of expansion introduced by Sir Samuel Hoare in the last Parliament, while the Navy Estimates will show a decrease of about £2,500,000.

It is evident that in the main the new Government is adopting the estimates prepared by the Unionist Administration. In fact, the point is emphasized by Mr. Walsh, the Secretary of State for War, in his memorandum which accompanies the Army Estimates. He states that when he took office he found the estimates for 1924-25 in an advanced state of preparation, and in the time at his disposal it has not been possible to do more than to satisfy himself that they have been framed in accordance with the policy of the late Government and with due regard to efficiency and economy.

The net total of 45 millions shows a reduction of seven millions from that of the present year and of 17 millions when compared with a year ago. About two-and-a-half millions of the reduction arise on terminal charges of the war, while a saving of four-and-a-half millions has been effected in the current charges of the Army. There is a reduction of 9,200 men in the strength of the Army, the figure for the coming year standing at 161,800 as compared with 170,800, but these numbers include 4,100 in 1924-25 and 10,500 in 1923-24 for Indian troops employed by the Air Ministry in Iraq, for which the War Office has no responsibility of any kind. The reduction in the War Office sphere is thus 2,800 men, and represents administrative economies effected in ancillary services, consistent with the announcement made in June last that no policy of further reduction in the fighting armies was in contemplation.

RECRUITING NEEDS.

The War Secretary states that recruiting for the Regular Army during the current financial year has not been entirely satisfactory. He says that the report of the Anderson Committee, foreshadowing reductions in the rate of pay for the Army, appears to have produced an impression that the pay of men already serving, or enlisted before any reduction that might be decided on actually took effect, would be affected. Steps, however, have been taken to remove this erroneous impression by the issue of instructions setting forth the true situation. During the coming year the demand on the recruiting market will be heavy if establishments are to be maintained. The Boys' Technical School, instituted to meet the difficulties in the supply of mechanics for the technical branches of the Army, has started its work. The school is temporarily accommodated at Aldershot, but will be transferred to Chepstow during the year.

At the beginning of the new financial year the total strength of the Regular Army is expected to be about 5,500 below establishment, while the British Army in India will start the year slightly above establishment. The special measures taken to increase the strength of the Army Reserve should result in the number of reservists being nearly ten thousand greater than a year ago.

The peace establishment of the Territorial Army, exclusive of permanent staff, is raised from 180,213 (7,956 officers and 172,257 men) to 185,554 (7,955 officers and 177,599 men), practically the whole increase being due to the growth of Air defence troops. The Inns of Court Officers Training Corps has been restored to the Territorial Army. The actual strength of the Territorial Army has grown from 5,865 officers and 128,557 men on February 1st, 1923, to 5,965 officers and 134,130 men on 1st inst.

POPULARIZING THE ARMY.

Dealing with the supply of officers, the memorandum states that by accepting the recommendations of Lord Haldane's committee and by making the Army a really attractive career, they hope to stimulate the flow of officers from sources which in the past have not produced them in adequate numbers.

IMPROVED UNIFORMS.

The War Office announces that an improved uniform to be worn at ceremonial parades and for walking out, by warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the services other than the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards, has been authorized by the Army Council. The alterations include a service dress jacket of improved pattern, with higher collar and regimental buttons and badges; black belts for rifle Regiments, and white (buff) belts for others, except services possessing bandolier equipment.

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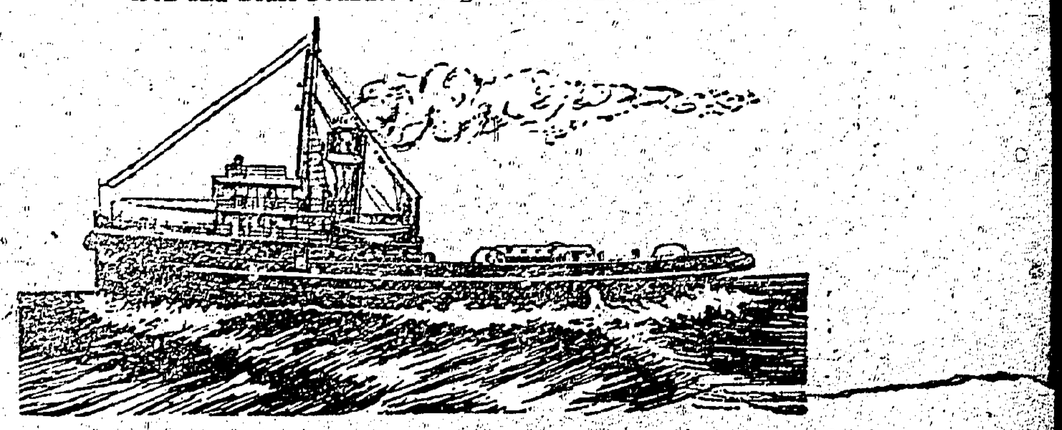

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ARRIVALS.

April 16th.

Lai Sang, British str., 3,460 tons, Capt. C. W. Falk, from Calcutta and Straits, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Oanfa, British str., 3,069 tons, Capt. A. Ogden, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's wharf.—B. & S.

Pooder, Chinese str., 314 tons, Capt. Fan Mooi, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at Chen Sheungkok wharf.—Tung Woo & Co.

Reims, French str., 214 tons, Capt. A. Merhautean, from Haihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C10.—Tai Woo & Co.

Toyohashi Maru, Japanese str., 4,342 tons, Capt. K. Yoshida, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B36.—N.Y.K.

Wing Sing, British str., 1,517 tons, Capt. J. V. Simpson, from Tsing-tau, Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C35.—J. M. & Co.

April 17th.

Borneo, British str., 1,296 tons, Capt. Van den Berg, from Haihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C42.—Shun Tai S.S. Co.

Chipshing, British str., 1,100 tons, Capt. G. F. Matthews, from Tientsin, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33.—J. M. & Co.

City of Carl, British str., 5,024 tons, Capt. B. Dowse, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at Admiralty No. 1.—Bank Line.

Kanchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. H. P. Carver, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

King Yuen, British str., 1,536 tons, Capt. J. W. Harding, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25.—B. & S.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. T. Yasukawa, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C26.—N.Y.K.

Yodo Maru, Japanese str., 1,552 tons, Capt. M. Murokami, from Keelung, with coal, lying at buoy No. B30.—M.B.K.

CLEARANCES.

April 16th.

Banka, for Bangkok.
Haiwah, for Canton.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kuichow, for Weihaiwei.
E. C. Pedersen, for Shanghai.
Taikwa Maru, for Swatow.
Tai Cheong, for Swatow.
Tai Ping, for Swatow.
Toyohashi Maru, for Shanghai.
Town Maru, for Canton.
Vorwarts, for Shanghai.
West Prospect, for Manila.
Yatshing, for Canton.

April 17th.

Andes Maru, for Moji.
Campinas, for Haiphong.
Empress of Canada, for Shanghai.
Fern, for Keelung.
Haiching, for Saigon.
Haiyang, for Newchwang.
Henrik, for Bangkok.
Kanchow, for Canton.
Lushan Maru, for Canton.
Nellore, for Singapore.
Phorus, for Tarakan.
Pailee, for Foochow.
Shanko Maru, for Chin Wang Tao.
Tjimanuck, for Chin Wang Tao.
Van Volzenhaven, for Pakhoi.
Wing Sang, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Lai Sang* on April 16th:—Mr. Coburn, Mr. G. E. Nolthenius and Dr. Man.

DEPARTURES.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Nellore*, on April 17th: Mr. and Mrs. Hoon Moth Lee, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hill, Mr. H. P. Hill, jun., Masters Hill (2), Mr. A. G. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Baikent, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carr, Mrs. M. Waddell, Misses L. and W. Waddell and Master J. Waddell.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The coxswains of the steam launches *Wang-Fook* and *Tung Foo* were each fined $5 by Lieut.-Com. Hake at the Marine Magistracy yesterday for being under way without having on board a certificated engineer.

The coxswain of the motor boat *Sun Kwong Foong 3* was fined $10 for being under way without a certificated coxswain, and the coxswain of the *Sai On* for carrying offensive matter was similarly fined.

Two masters of cargo boats were fined $5 for obstruction and the coxswain of the *Tung Tai* was fined $5 for carrying seven passengers in excess.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *China* left Shanghai for this port on the 15th at 7 p.m., and is due here on the 18th inst. at about 6 a.m.

The s.s. *President Wilson* is due to arrive at San Francisco from Honolulu on April 18th.

The s.s. *President Lincoln* sailed from Woosung for San Francisco, *via* Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on April 15th.

The s.s. *President Cleveland* is due to arrive at Yokohama from Honolulu on April 17th.

The s.s. *President Pierce* sailed from San Francisco for Hongkong, *via* Way ports on schedule, on April 15th.

The s.s. *Lake Fanik* (P.M.), sailed from Penang for Rangoon on April 12th.

The s.s. *Lake Fielding* (P.M.), sailed from Calcutta for Rangoon on April 16th.

The s.s. *Lake Gilano* (P.M.), sailed from Penang for Singapore on April 15th.

The s.s. *Antamedon* (Blue Funnel Line), from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 16th inst. for this port, and is due here on the 21st inst.

The s.s. *Sarpedon* (Blue Funnel Line) for Marseilles, London and Rotterdam, left Shanghai at noon, on the 17th inst., and is due here on the 20th inst., at daylight. She will be despatched at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

The s.s. *Carl Legien* (Hugo Stinnes Line) will leave Shanghai on Saturday (*via* Foochow), and is due to arrive here on Wednesday, the 23rd inst.

The Admiral Oriental liner *President Jefferson*, which sails from Manila at 5 p.m. on April 15th, is due at this port at 7.30 on April 20th. She sails for Victoria and Seattle, *via* Shanghai and Japan, at 10 a.m. on April 22nd.

The Admiral Oriental liner, *President Grant*, which is due at this port on April 23rd, sailed from Yokohama for Kobe and Shanghai on April 15th, on schedule.

The Admiral Oriental liner *President Madison*, which is due at this port on May 5th, sailed from Seattle on April 15th.

The Dollar Steamship liner *President Polk*, which is due at this port on April 18th, sailed from San Francisco on March 29th, on schedule.

The Dollar Steamship liner *President Harrison*, which is due at this port on May 26th, sailed from New York at 4 p.m. on April 3rd, on schedule.

CHURCH SERVICES.

UNION CHURCH (Kennedy Road).—Services on Good Friday.
Morning Service in the Church at 11 a.m.:—
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Christian Endeavour Meeting, open to all, in the Lecture Hall at 8.30 p.m.:—
Subject: Reconciliation to God in Christ.
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UNION CHURCH (Kennedy Road).—Easter Sunday Services.
Morning Service at 11 a.m.:—
Hymns: 215, 218, 224, 229.
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Men's Meeting at 3.30 p.m.:—
Solos by Mrs. Buchanan.
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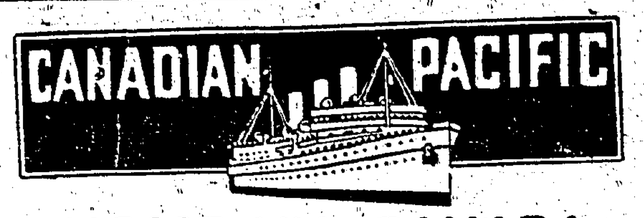

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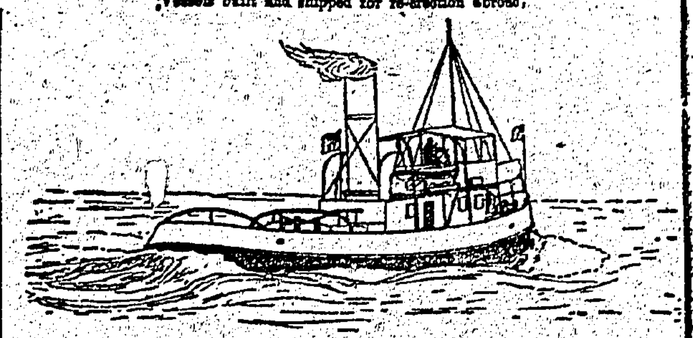

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"PLASSY"	7,426	17th May	Mars., London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,963	21th May	do.
"SICILIA"	6,813	25th May	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KHIVA"	9,097	31st May	Mars., London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,840	14th June	Mars., London & Antwerp
"SOUDAN"	6,696	23rd June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
"MOREA"	10,911	28th June	Mars., L'don. & A'werp.
"KARMALA"	9,098	12th July	do.
"SICILIA"	6,813	21nd July	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,941	26th July	Mars., L'don. & Antwerp.
"DEVANHA"	8,092	9th Aug.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,902	23rd Aug.	do.
"KHYBER"	9,014	6th Sept.	do.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	20th Sept.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,953	4th Oct.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	18th Oct	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	1st Nov.	Mars., L'don & A'werp.

BRITISH INDIA—APCAR SAILINGS

"JAPAN"	6,053	26th April	Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
"TANDA"	6,956	2nd May	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	25th May	do.
"TORILLA"	5,205	9th June	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Apr.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"EASTERN"	4,000	28th May	
"ARAFURA"	8,000	2nd July	

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"PLASSY"	7,426	19th Apr., D.L.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	1st May	Shanghai & Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,097	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	3rd May	Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	5th May	do.
"SICILIA"	6,813	13th May	Shanghai.
"KASHGAR"	8,841	16th May	Saangnai, Moji & Kobe.
"TORILLA"	5,205	20th May	Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th June	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	11th June	Shanghai.
"KARMALA"	9,098	13th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th July	Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	10th July	Shanghai.
"DEVANHA"	8,092	11th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th July	do.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Aug.	Moji & Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,014	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	22nd Aug.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,953	5th Sept.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Sept.	Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	19th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	3rd Oct.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Oct.	Moji & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,098	1st Nov.	do.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Ports	Steamers	Date of Departures
SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 19th Apr., D.L.
HONGAY	"CHENAN"	On 19th Apr., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 20th Apr., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANCHOW"	On 21st Apr., D.L.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"LUCHOW"	On 22nd Apr., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 22nd Apr., 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"HUNAN"	On 22nd Apr., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 23rd Apr., D.L.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 23rd Apr., 2 p.m.
HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 24th Apr., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KASHING"	On 24th Apr., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 25th Apr., D.L.
SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	On 26th Apr., D.L.
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Kowloon Branch:—18th inst., 8—9 a.m.; 19th, 8—9.30 a.m.; 21st, 8—9 a.m.

Shaumtwan Branch:—8—9 a.m. and 5.30—6 p.m. on each day.

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There will be one collection of letters from the pillar boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

There will be one delivery from the Branch Post Offices each day at noon.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London, 20th Mar. & Parcels 13th Mar.)	*Plassy*	18th April
Shanghai	*China*	18th April
Shanghai	*Kashing*	19th April
Shanghai	*Sinkiang*	19th April
Shanghai	*Paul Lecat*	21st April
Saigon	*Taiyuan*	22nd April
Australia & Manila	*Pres. Grant*	22nd April
U.S.A., Canada Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Cleveland*	26th April
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	*Pres. Jefferson*	26th April
Manila	*Pres. Polk*	28th April
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai		

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date.	
Haiphong	*New Mathilde*	Friday, 18th,	8.00 A.M.
Hoihow and Bangkok	*Chunsang*		8.30 A.M.
Formosa	*Yeiran Maru*		8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	*Haihong*		9.00 A.M.
*Manila, *Straits & Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	*Nienburg*		9.00 A.M.
Saigon	*Produce*		9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 7th May.	*Empress of Australia*	Registration Letters	9.15 A.M. 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 30th April.	*Yoshino Maru*	Registration Letters	Noon Noon
Shanghai and *Japan	*Plassy*		5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 16th May	*China*	Parcels, 18th, Saturday, 19th, Registration Letters	10.00 A.M. 9.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Manila	*Yuensang*		9.00 A.M.
Japan & *Victoria B.C. due Victoria B.C. 16th May	*Iyo Maru*		9.00 A.M.
Hoihow	*Haime*		9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	*Glengarry*		9.00 A.M.
Java via Sourabaya	*Tjisalak*	Sunday, 20th,	9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kaijo Maru*		9.00 A.M.
Amoy	*Inchow*	Monday, 21st,	9.00 A.M.
*Straits and Calcutta	*Hagua Maru*		9.00 A.M.
*Straits, Ceylon, *India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	*Amazon Maru*		9.00 A.M.
Swatow	*Hydrangea*		9.00 A.M.
Macau	*Chunchow*		3.15 P.M.

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COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

April 17th, 1924

On London.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/4½
Bank Bills, on demand	2/4 5/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	2/4½
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/5
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/5
On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	82[illegible]
Credits, 4 months' sight	9[illegible]
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	53½
Credits, at 30 days' sight	53½
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	183½
Bank Bills, on demand	183½
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	168½
Bank Bills, on demand	168½
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On Yokohama.—On demand	125
On Manila.—On demand	103½
On Singapore.—On demand	101
On Batavia.—On demand	140½
On Haiphong.—On demand	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand	—
On Bangkok.—On demand	78½
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For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1922. [28

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

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Paid-up Capital	£3,000,0 0
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A. H. FERGUSON,
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Hongkong, April 8th, 1924. [31

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Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 60,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)	Yen 52,500,000
Reserve Fund	Yen 12,980,000

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K. C. LAU,
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N. C. WILSON,
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7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, February 11th, 1924 [30

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A. LECOT,
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [32

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"KAN TONG PO,
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Hongkong, March 15th, 1924. [84

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Hankow	New York	Tientsin
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Kai Yuen		Vladivostock

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods at Rates to be obtained on application.

T. NISHIYAMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th Sept., 1923. [39

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Authorized Capital Guilders	150,000,000	(£12,500,000)
Paid-up Capital	80,000,000	(£8,666,670)
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TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.

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